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HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to restructure the Health Delivery System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): To make public health delivery system fully functional and accountable to the community, the Government has taken up architectural corrections in the health care delivery system by launching the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) throughout the country with special focus on 18 States with weak health indicators and health infrastructure. The main aim is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable health care, especially to the rural population and vulnerable sections of population. The strategy is to inter-alia:

> Promote access to improved healthcare at household level through the female health activist (ASHA).
> Involve the community in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the programmes.
> Train and enhance capacity of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to own, control and manage public health services.
> Integrating vertical health and Family Welfare programmes at National, State, District and Block levels.
> Convergence health programmes with nutrition, sanitation and drinking water.
> Technical support to National, State and District Health Mission, for public health management.
> Promote partnerships with non-government statkeholders.

The Mission is for a 7 year period from 2005-2012.